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SUBJ: MBFR: U.S. PROPOSAL FOR SENIOR POLADS WORK PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF US PAPER CIRCULATED AT AUGUST 1 COUNCIL MEETING PRESENTING PROPOSED MANDATE FOR FURTHER SENIOR POLADS WORK IN DEVELOPING ALLIED MBFR POSITION.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BEGIN PREPARATION OF A PAPER ENTITLED, "ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR." THE COMMITTEE SHOULD KEEP THE COUNCIL CLOSELY INFORMED OF ITS PROGRESS AND SHOULD REFER TO THE COUNCIL INITIAL DRAFTS OF THE MAJOR SECTIONS OF THE PAPER AS THEY ARE COMPLETED. THE COMMITTEE, THEREFORE, SHOULD ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE AN INITIAL DRAFT ON ONE SECTION BEFORE GOING ON TO THE NEXT. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE ALLIANCE COMPLETE WORK ON THIS PAPER NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30.

2. THE PAPER, "ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR," SHOULD CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR SECTIONS:

I. BASIC GUIDELINES -- THIS SECTION WOULD CONTAIN THE GUIDELINES WHICH WILL PROVIDE BASIC OBJECTIVES AND PRECEPTS TO ALLIED NEGOTIATORS. THESE GUIDELINES WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, FOR AL-  
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LIED USE ONLY, AND WILL PROVIDE THE YARDSTICK AGAINST WHICH THE ALLIES' NEGOTIATORS CAN MEASURE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

THIS SECTION WOULD CONSIST OF THE PAPER, "SECRET MBFR GUIDELINES" (C-M(73)50(3RD REVISE)), WHICH THE SENIOR POLITICAL COM-

MITTEE SHOULD REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER, IN LIGHT OF FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS, IT APPEARS POSSIBLE TO REMOVE THE REMAINING BRACKETS. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BEGIN THIS REVIEW, HOWEVER, UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER IT HAS COMPLETED ITS INITIAL DRAFT ON AN ALLIED NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL (SECTION II BELOW).

II. NEGOTIATING PROPOSAL -- THIS SECTION WOULD DESCRIBE THE ALLIES' SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATING APPROACH TO MBFR.

THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHOULD GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO SUBMITTING A DRAFT OF THIS SECTION TO THE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON THIS SUBJECT ARE THE FOLLOWING: "UNITED STATES VIDNVJD## MBFR NEGOTIATING APPROACH" (U.S. DELEGATION, JULY 26, 1973), "DRAFT WORKING PAPER ON THE SCOPE AND METHOD OF REDUCTIONS IN MBFR" (BELGIAN DELEGATION, JULY 25, 1973), "MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS (MBFR) - MEMORANDUM BY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT," (JULY 30, 1973).

III. NEGOTIATING STRATEGY -- THIS SECTION WOULD DISCUSS THE ALLIES' BASIC STRATEGY FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS.

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON THIS SUBJECT ARE CONTAINED IN THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE U.S. PAPER CITED ABOVE AND IN THE "STEERING BRIEF FOR INITIAL PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE" (UK DELEGATION, JULY 18, 1973).

IV. INTRA-ALLIANCE COORDINATION -- THIS SECTION WOULD DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR INTRA-ALLIED CONSULTATIONS AND FOR MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON THIS SUBJECT INCLUDE "ALLIED CONSULTATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATIONS" (BENELUX DELEGATIONS, JULY 13, 1973) AND RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE UK "STEERING BRIEF" PAPER CITED ABOVE, (JULY 18, 1973).

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